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During the week 13 cases and 3 deaths from yellow fever were reported for the city of Habana. One case of yellow fever was reported at Alacranes, a station between Habana and Matanzas. One of the cases had been diagnosed November 29, but it is included in this report, as the case was not reported to this office until the 6th instant.

I have been informed that the authorities propose to hold laborers for five days in detention before permitting them to travel to the interior of the island.

It is recognized that a great source of danger is from the influx of Spanish immigrants, who live in a crowded condition in the city. These people, when taken sick, move from place to place until required to call in medical assistance, thus spreading infection, if the case is one of yellow fever, and thereby increasing the number of unknown foci. The authorities also contemplate controlling the influx of immigrants to the city.

The authorities have 7 fumigating squads of 25 men in each. This force is to be increased by 5 more squads of 25 men each on the 11th instant. Sulphur is being used more generally for fumigating purposes.

At present 68 men compose the oiling forces, which will also be increased by 30 men on the 11th instant.

There is one screening squad of 12 men who screen the rooms of suspects reported when such are not transferred to Las Animas Hospital.

There are 12 inspectors who report on the sanitary condition of houses inspected.

Eight physicians are employed to inspect all nonimmunes in the infected district.

DECEMBER 15.

No new cases; 1 death, yellow fever, reported yesterday.

DECEMBER 18.

Three new cases yellow fever confirmed 15th instant.

*Summary of yellow fever cases in Cuba.*

DECEMBER 14.

Total yellow fever cases in Cuba since October 17 till present date, 57, among which one developed at Matanzas City, another at Alacranes, and a third at Real Campina, Santa Clara Province. All apparently infected in Habana. Largest number in treatment at any time, 22, December 6; to-day, only 16. \* \* \*

FINLAY.

*Reports from Matanzas—History of yellow fever cases at Union de Reyes and Colon—Precautions against spread of yellow fever.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, December 8, 11, and 12, as follows:

The town of Union de Reyes, of 3,000 inhabitants, is situated at a distance of about 30 miles to the south of Matanzas, having daily communication by railway with this city. Within 4 miles from Union de Reyes is the town of Alacranes, having about the same number of